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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

On January 27, 2005, the Office mailed a Final Office Action with respect to the above referenced patent application. Applicants filed a response on March 28, 2005. The Office mailed an Advisory Action on April 14, 2005. Applicants requested a telephonic interview with the Office. A telephonic interview was held on April 21, 2005 with Examiner Stephens representing the Office and Attorney Hunter E. Webb representing Applicants. Applicants respectfully submit the following statement:

During the interview, the rejections of claims 1, 3-7, 14-16, 18, 19, 26 and 28 in light of Roe and Glaug were discussed. No exhibit or demonstration was submitted by Applicants. Applicants explained that the amendments to and cancellation of claims in Applicants response to the Final Office Action were intended, without acquiescing in the correctness of the rejections, to follow the Office's recommendations for making the invention patentable. Specifically,

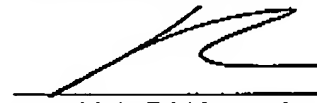
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Applicants amended independent claim 1 to include the limitation "...a front guard extending above the rear portion vertically from a waist area of the front portion to a middle chest area of a user;" of claim 2. The Examiner agreed with Applicants' representative that the amendment could be entered if the section of claim 1 beginning "...a front guard..." was preceded by the section of claim 1 beginning "...a rear portion..." and the term "the front portion" in claim 1, line 8 was replaced with the term "the front guard." On April 22, 2005, Applicants filed a replacement amendment to incorporate these changes.

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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